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Reply to Office Action dated March 17, 2006**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

- 1-2. (Cancelled)
3. (Currently Amended) A ~~curtain~~-rail system according to claim 17, wherein, after mounting, the at least one resilient lip extends, on average, in a direction including an angle ( $\gamma$ ) with a vertical plane in the range of approximately 10 - 45°.
4. (Currently Amended) A ~~curtain~~-The rail system according to claim 3, wherein the at least one resilient lip, after mounting, extends, on average, in a direction including an angle ( $\gamma$ ) with a vertical plane in the range of approximately 15° - 30°.
5. (Currently Amended) A ~~curtain~~-The rail system according to claim 17, wherein the resilient lip is manufactured from plastic.
6. (Currently Amended) A ~~curtain~~-The rail system according to claim 17, wherein a front end of the resilient lip of the second retaining element touches a slide-off surface of the first retaining element.
7. (Currently Amended) A ~~curtain~~-The rail system according to claim 6, wherein said front lip end comprises a sliding surface which is substantially parallel to at least part of said slide-off surface of the first retaining element.
8. (Currently Amended) A ~~curtain~~-The rail system according to claim 6, wherein said slide-off surface of the first retaining element after mounting, viewed in vertical cross section, includes an angle ( $\alpha$ ) with a vertical plane in the range of 45° - 70°.

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9. (Currently Amended) ~~A curtain-~~The rail system according to claim 8, wherein the angle ( $\alpha$ ) is in the range of 60° - 70°.
10. (Currently Amended) ~~A curtain-~~The rail system according to claim 17, wherein the first retaining element, after mounting, extends at least partly through a substantially vertical passage of the second retaining element.
11. (Currently Amended) ~~A curtain-~~The rail system according to claim 10, wherein the first retaining element is provided with a widened head located, after mounting, above said passage, which head touches the front end of the resilient lip of the second retaining element.
12. (Currently Amended) ~~A curtain-~~The rail system according to claim 6, wherein a widened head of the first retaining element is provided with said slide-off surface.
13. (Currently Amended) ~~A curtain-~~The rail system according to claim 10, wherein the second retaining element comprises a plurality of resilient lips extending obliquely towards each other for forming a constriction of said passage of the second retaining element.
14. (Currently Amended) ~~A curtain-~~The rail system according to claim 17, wherein the first and second retaining elements are each of rotation-symmetrical design relative to an axis of symmetry, which is vertical, at least after mounting.
15. (Currently Amended) ~~A curtain-~~The rail system according to claim 17, wherein the second retaining element connected to the ~~environment-~~mounting surface is mounted in a tube or pendant having an inside diameter of less than 2 cm.
16. (Currently Amended) ~~A curtain-~~The rail system according to claim 15, wherein said tube or pendant has a diameter in the range of 10 - 15 mm.
17. (Currently Amended) A ~~curtain-~~rail system, comprising:  
a ~~curtain-~~rail to be suspended;

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at least one safety connection coupled to the ~~curtain~~-rail, the safety connection comprising at least one first and one second retaining element, wherein after mounting, one of the retaining elements is coupled to ~~an object~~ the rail to be suspended and the other of the retaining elements is connected to a mounting surface, the first and second retaining elements being detachably connected to each other such that, under influence of a tensile force applied to the retaining elements, the retaining elements disconnect, wherein the second retaining element integrally forms a resilient lip, and wherein the first and second retaining elements are configured to cooperate via the integrally formed resilient lip to effect said detachable coupling of the retaining elements.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) ~~A curtain~~ The rail system according to claim 17, wherein the integrally formed resilient lip comprises a radially outward extending resilient lip.

21. (Currently Amended) ~~A curtain~~ The rail system according to claim 17, wherein the second retaining element comprises a monolithic element defining the resilient lip.

22. (Currently Amended) ~~A curtain~~ The rail system according to claim 20, wherein the second retaining element comprises a monolithic element defining the resilient lip.

23. (Currently Amended) ~~A curtain~~ The rail system according to claim 17, wherein the resilient lip extends longitudinally beyond the first retaining element and radially outward.

24. (New) The rail system according to claim 17, wherein the rail is a current rail.